

## Oakwood University Aeolians in Concert

Listen to their musical talent in the Howard Performing Arts Center

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The Aeolians of Oakwood University will be in concert at the Howard Performing Arts Center on April 21 at 8:30 p.m. (Photo by Vilroy McBean)

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On Saturday, April 21, 2018, at 8:30 p.m., the Aeolians of Oakwood University will be in concert at the Howard Performing Arts Center on the campus of Andrews University.

Established in 1946, the Aeolians present a choral music repertoire ranging from the Baroque era to the 21st century and have become an authoritative exponent of Negro spirituals and Work songs. Under current director Jason Max Ferdinand, who is in his tenth season, they have collaborated with symphony orchestras to present masterpieces from the symphonic choral literature of Brahms, Mozart, Schoenberg, Dvorak, Hailstork, Dett and others. They have performed in symphony halls throughout the world with the likes of world-acclaimed soprano Kathleen Battle. In 2012 they visited Moscow as part of the Russia-U.S. Bilateral Presidential Commission. Later that year they competed at the seventh World Choir Games earning three gold medals and overall championship in the Spiritual category. In July 2017, they won the Choir of the World award and the Pavarotti Trophy at the Llangollen International Musical

Eisteddfod in Wales, United Kingdom. They have been presented with keys to the City of Huntsville in Alabama and have December 3 and December 5 named in their honor.

Tickets are required for this event. Reserved seating will be \$15, while tickets for students (limit 2 tickets per student ID) and seniors are \$10. For more information regarding this event, or any events occurring at the Howard this year, contact the Howard Performing Arts Center at [hpac@andrews.edu](mailto:hpac@andrews.edu).